What is claimed is:

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1. A radiation detecting cassette comprising:

a solid state radiation detector for detecting radiation bearing image information and outputting an image signal representing a radiation image;

a control means for controlling the operations of the solid state radiation detector;

a cassette main body having a case for housing the solid state radiation detector and the control means; and

- a portable operating portion for outputting command signals to the control means for operating the solid state radiation detector, formed as a separate unit from the cassette main body.
- 2. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim15 1, wherein:

the operating portion further comprises a display portion for displaying the contents of the command signals.

- 3. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 2, wherein:
- the operating portion further comprises an information receiving means for receiving information output from the cassette main body; and

the display portion displays the information received by the information receiving means.

4. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim3, wherein:

the information receiving means receives information representing an operating state of the solid state radiation detector; and

the display portion displays the operating state of the solid state radiation detector.

5. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 3, wherein:

the information receiving means receives the image signal output from the solid state radiation detector; and

- the display portion displays an image based on the image signal.
 - 6. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 4, wherein:

the information receiving means receives the image signal output from the solid state radiation detector; and

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the display portion displays an image based on the image signal.

- 7. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 1, wherein:
- 20 the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.
 - 8. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim
 2, wherein:

the operating portion is removably attachable to the 25 case.

9. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim

3, wherein:

the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.

10. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim5 4, wherein:

the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.

- 11. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 5, wherein:
- the operating portion is removably attachable to the case.
 - 12. A radiation detecting cassette as defined in claim 6, wherein:

the operating portion is removably attachable to the 15 case.